Union Territories	(Fig. in No.)
Andaman & Nicobar	19030
Chandigarh	163626
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	00
Daman & Diu	00
Lakshdweep	1743
Pondicherry	51029

Price of LPG Sold by Government and Private Companies

†860. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average difference between the prices of LPG being sold by Government undertakings and private companies;

(b) what is the part of subsidy on each cylinder of LPG being sold by Government undertakings;

(c) whether Government propose to cut down the subsidy being given on LPG in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The difference between the retail selling price of LPG (Packed-domestic) sold by oil marketing companies and the private companies in Mumbai and Chennai is ranging from Rs. 0.88 - 5.71 per kg. and Rs. 7.81 - 11.98 per Kg. respectively.

(b) The current estimates of subsidy for the year 1999-2000 for LPG(Domestic) supplied by PSU oil marketing companies is about Rs. 121 per cylinder (14.2 Kg.).

(c) & (d) The Government had decided in November, 1997 that subsidy on LPG-domestic will be reduced in phases to reach the level of 15% of the import parity price by 2000-01. The subsidy will be transferred to the fiscal budget from the year 2002 onwards.

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